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## The prologue.

**A** þ begynnyng of this newe yere/ my good  
lysters wha I consider and se many frendes  
gyue tokenys of custome/one to another/whiche  
che custome some use it for good lucke of a ne  
we yere/some to procure carnall loue/ & some  
to gete a greater benefyte therby/some to gete woynde  
lytauour or mayntenaunce in eyll/ some to please &  
flatter them þ ben eyll/ (whiche causes be not comen  
dable/some to procure loue & to contynue frendshyp &  
peas in the commune lyfe / byt wene neyghboure and  
neyghboure/ whiche is ryght good and conuenyente  
to do. And some with ryght godly intente for to put  
chace ghostry loue. for one ghostry stende vnto re  
membré another the more hartely in prayers/whiche  
I thynke ryght comendable. And after this intent (as  
I suppose) byt wene of you haue gyuen tokenys vnto me  
wherfore hauyng nothing redy to gyue vnto you a  
grayne I purpose in mymynde to prepare one toke for  
you all/to poynt eche of you. This toke thynke it true  
þ I haue not of my selfe/but of god/as I haue herde  
and redde of holy doctours/ & by conjecture of þ way  
to good lyvinge/ & nothinge by exertyngce of my selfe.  
It is fulbysmyng to me for to shewe of myte vnto  
yon of þ way of vertue/whiche am not yet all out of þ  
way of wycchednes. yet a gryndyngston maketh a kny  
fe byrght & sharpe/though it be never þ sharpet it self.  
So I may moue you to make you sharpe & quykke to  
ghostry thynge & to clerenes of good lyving/ though  
I my selfe be ryght slowe and dull vnto the same. To

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To teche goodnesse is a thyng that may not be done of them that haue cure and rule of other persones though they do but lytell good themselfe. Crist sayd of the pharysses rulers of þ people. Do as they saye/but not as they do. Notwithstandynge our lord haþe gryuen me a desire to do well. I beseeche hym I may haue grace to perfourme my desyre to his pleasure/bonoware and laude. Therfore though my simple lyvinge can stynge you but lytell. I truste that my good lord and desyre that I haue to your ghoosely þ purpose shall encyte you bothe to encrease the more in vertue / & also to helpe me with your mapcrs vnto þ same. As lytell þ mytury for your delyver conuerſacion/ I purpose for to lympe deuydinge it into .xxiiii. comþeracionis/ as the dawe is deuyded in to .xxiiij. houres/ Delyche though it be tuditly dreyfynge/ it may profyte you moche/ þt þt dyligently put it in execucion of þt lyvinge/ and elles it profyseth lytell/but rather þt þt beþt. For Crist sayth a seruante þt knoweth þt þt of þt of þt mapster and wyl not do therafter þt þt beþt. þt þt many grete strokis. And who so enet godþþt for the dowl of god and forȝete it not/but dyligently put it to þt lyvinge/ þt þt wyl be blessed of god/ and þt þt encreasþinge. I hope for þt lyvinge/ þt þt perþueþt þt þt.

To determine that the best pilgrimage and  
to what place the best to go to.

**T**is necessary first to consider /þ/ we be here  
in this life as p[er]i g[ra]tia[re]s manynge no longe  
telle[re] place, but alwaye beynge forwarde  
other to h[er]ren. Wherefore shal haue eternall  
ref/ore elles be ben in the amoung[re] doyle, the  
whiche shal leue vs to ewelastynge sorow[re]. Let me to  
knowe we þ one way from þ other. And than comynge  
John y[er]e Wall go to do ony thyng[re]/afte this queſtio[n]  
of þyself[re]/capteynge in yout mynde to yout selfe /whiche  
det[er]myneth thou goynge/consyderynge w[er]eþelp. Wherþeþelp  
þeþe in the way of vertue or wyrchdom[re]/folowynge  
þryþ[re] or the devyll/in the way to heuen or to hell. And  
say these bretes. **T**has h[er]as domine demonstra mi  
chi/et semucas edoce me. dirige me in dñe[re] tu[re] tuo  
d[omi]ne/qui tu es deus ianuarii meus/ ete iustiniui  
te[re]s. **S**et god for the mache þ[er] w[er]eþelp go b[er]e  
to/take his comandementes for your waye/ come  
þeo fallyþ therin. Plant good hope in his goodnes[re]/þe  
telle[re] of his iustynge the þyng[re] w[er]eþelp coloure[re] of the  
þyng[re] he comandeþ. And nowe manye can seeþ þer[re] of your d

## **C The peculiarity of tyint and the shortness of the same.**

**S**condarily it is to consider the p[re]ciousnes[s] of tyme/ whiche is gauen vs to do penance in/ for our lyfe past/ & to laboure for Ioye in the lyfe to come. And holden god shall require of euery persone

border the baths crepteth the tyme ayenst unto hym,  
and suppose y eare tyme not spente to his bane out of  
loss/ & shall be straelye punylied. ¶ Beholde howe shal  
te ayen tyme is/ & howe buncertayne/beyngt nothinge  
else/ but onely tyme tyme prelence/ & to but nothe/ ha  
wene al soule dede tope / that cometh upon us/   
and wene al soule dede tope / that cometh upon us/   
and make al soule a  
sore vexacion/ for the tyme past/ sayenge this prayer  
dayly. **O** bone zibeth/ stat erga te in omnione mea  
tempora in certa balue male consummata. Et conces  
de/ ut hoc tempore mei tristitum/ tibi sit honorificum  
sicut tristitium et priuimo edificatorium. Qui ut  
vix et regas cum deo. ac.) ¶ That is to saye in En  
gylle ne. ¶ good lord zibeth/ let all my tymes past be  
broughten before the/ I haue comfuted betwix eny.  
and nowe / that nothe of my tyme may be bised  
thys day/ & though unto y scurcell unto my selfe  
and to my selfe to my nexte bower. ¶ Beholde hym selfe / that  
god the father in ymre of the holy ghost woulde wch  
out emblye. ¶ And at every tyme y the clocke dorthe  
sayenge/ compere that your brether Morde by an houre/  
sayenge/ And to you I saye/ in to saye/ you ac y ha  
ve obeyd. ¶ **M**ake me gracie/ my lord master/ to be  
cunous of your bunge/ & in hora mortis sustine. ¶  
¶ Carry me des full of gracie/ moder also of mercy/ de  
fende us from our enemys/ & at the houre of dethe/ ta  
ke us to thy glorioun. And so I truste there shall co  
me good service to me.

Go the good intent to be and live among it.

**B**emindþ alway þ what soeder ye do/ outþ log  
þe god is alway present/þynge & considerþ þo-  
þe euþy thought/mynþde/ & deþe/ & straþely shall call  
þis to a counte for the. Therefore it is necessary to ob-  
serue good maner & reverent behauour/boþe inwarde  
þe in mynde/ & outwarde in body/ as well in chambre  
or cell as in other secrete places/as in presence of gre-  
te estatþ/baþynge alway honour & reverence to god  
& to our good aumgell / þetyng & beþynge ashamed to  
do þ thyng in the presence of god/þ ye sholde be asha-  
med of in the presence of men. And whan þe be alone  
say often this bretse. ( *Qui cognoscis occulta cordis/*  
*parce peccatis nostris.* ) **L**orde that knowest þ þy  
upþes of harte / We beseeche the spare us/ þ the be not  
dampned for our synnes/ and grete offences.

**C**Not onely the body/but also the mynde must be  
spatred us from the occasyons of euill.

**T**hyne thoughþ ye sholde be closed þp within  
þi. walles. It is not þnough to haue your  
bodþes spatred from þ occasyons of euill/ where the  
mynde is leþidynge abode in carnall pleasure/ mu-  
þynge upon woþolþ baþtes/busyed w moþes and  
matrits of other persones/ & carþige moþe for your  
frindes & kyndes/occupied somyme with un-  
lawfull & uncleanly thoughtes and deþes. Therefore  
þe must close þp also your mynde and affectyon from  
all þuche thynges. And that must be þp often and con-  
tinually remembraunce of god/as nece as þe maye.  
**C**lose þp and hyde your loue and mynde in the deþe &  
large boundes of our lord þe Ihesu Christ þp deuoute

þe wretchednesse of yis þyngfull ressyon / althoþe alþe  
þyngfull / doþ their enemys darcenot medeþ  
þis behyndre þe wþll of notiþeþ wþll enteþ wþch þou  
in to þe mædewal cloþs / þour enemys þeſſe he must  
neber in þe drayll wþll not be behynde. and as I sup  
pose / þe þal wane of þym moþe forþ a stronger battaþ  
le þerre thi enemys bid before. And þe me thynke / noþ  
þeright bytself a day / þat þan þerewinnesse be full þurh  
þe ymme to ouercome. Therefore þe þatt þow / alþe  
mainly / þame full in fayþ / remembere þe wærds of  
þoure þyngfull / þe þyngfull in god onely for strengthe.

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only maner of persones / but rather flee theyr compa-  
ny or moue them to saye well / and to speke that is ho-  
nelle and conuynente for to here sayenge thus befo-  
ye shall speke with ony worldely persones. (¶ Do-  
mine libera animam meam a labiis inquis & lingua  
dolosa.) ¶ Good lord I beseche the delyuer my sou-  
le from the lyppes of wycked men and from a dyscey-  
uable tongue.

¶ To ordre well every tyme auoydynge ydelnesse.

**I** am after þ counsayle of some good ma-  
dylynges and ordre euery tyme of the day  
to some profyte bodely or ghoostly . So  
that ydelnesse before all thynges maye  
be utterly excluded . for ydelnesse is the  
moder of all evyll / stepdame of vertue / forger of vn-  
clennesse / the waye to vnstablenesse / nouryssher of vy-  
ces / increaser of slouthfulness / kyndeler of mallice &  
envye . It solveth evyll thoughtes . It gendreth evyll  
desyres / and byngeth forth many evyll workes . It  
maketh vs verry of ghoostly lyuyng . It putteth vs  
in feare of ghoostly batayle / and drayneth vs frome the  
waye of penaunce . ¶ false ydelnesse holde many doest  
thou deceyue . Ydelnes is the snare that the deuyll hy-  
deth amonge the gressle of the grene flouryng yon-  
che / & amonge the fallynge lenes of the bayne . World-  
ely hope and pleaure / and betay batde it is to sca-  
pe it . Therfore be ware that the deuyll in no wyls syn-  
de you in this snare / but yf þe be caught therin / breke  
out betymes or be catche holde upon you . for when  
he bathe holde upon you / it is harde to breke alaue .

**C**hō do we sholde gyue vs to dyuers exerçys.

**A**nd bycause out mynde whiche is moche subiecte vnto dampte whyles we be in this lyfe abpoeth never longe in one state. Therfore we must dyvde a day ydernes by dyuers chaunges of good exerçys. As somtyme by good hande woorke / a conuient bodesly laboure / somtyme in prayet / somtyme in study / or redyng of scripture or of some good woorkes of holy doctours. Somtyme in medytacion & contemplacion yf ye can attayne thereto. And se þ yonre hande woorke be other to þ honoure of god / to þ properte poore people / or elles for your owne necessite. And in every thyng þ ye shall do. Se fyrt þ it be lawfull for you to do it. Secundarely yf it become you so to do it. Chyldly wþyther it be expedient so to do it. for all thynges þ ben lawfull & semynge for you to do are not to be done / but yf they be expedient. **S**aynt Poule to Corinthe. (Omnia michi licent / sed nō omnia michi expedient.) **C**Therfore þ thyng þ is lettynge expedient & not agayne the comandement of god perboume it / savenge before every woorke. In nomine patris. ac. With a pater noster & an Ave maria.

**C**Of exerçys in prayet and study.

**D**ur prayers besyde þ hours of deuotyon whiche muste be preferred before ony thyng / ye may prolonge or make shorte as þ holy ghost gyueth grace of deuotyon or good deuyce. And beþas re þ loge paper engendre not redyngynesse. For better it is to praye often brevely wþ deuotyon / þa longe wþ deuotyon / occyse deuotyon be empayred by longe deuyce. **S**e þwart also þ make no bande þe woorc of nom

lyne of calmes or prayers/ but vse them for y lyne y  
for y pleasure & deuocyon in them. And where de-  
votion lacketh/ thā go to redyng or to some other ex-  
ercys to confortynge your spyghtes/ auoydynge y synne  
of louish. In your study & redyng of bokes/ se y they  
be convenient for you. And marke wel all suche thynges  
as make to the ensample of good lyfe/ bothe for  
to sele at your selfe/ & to shew it vnto others for y same  
entente. And before ye go to rede or study/ say thus.

(Spiritus sancti gratia illuminet corda et corpora  
nostra.) With a pater noster. That is y grace of the  
holpe ghostlyght on vs bothe soule & body. And after  
your redyng/ remembre brenely what ye haue redde  
& than say thus. (Confirma hoc deus quod operat  
es in nobis.) With a pater noster. Howe to be ordred  
at your bryngynge/ whā ye wake in y mornynge fro  
slepe after y houre assygned to rysse. Forthwyllyste vp  
your herte to god/ comytyng your selfe to his protec-  
cyon/ & gyue hym thākes/ for y he hath preserued you  
y nylght past/ sufferynge no wayne thoughtes to falle  
in to your mynde/ but shorckely blesse you & falle vnto  
your prayer. Be never overcomen w slugysshnesse ne  
dulnesse of body/ as some ben y. With gronyng and  
grutchynge rysse out of theyz beddes. But w a quycke  
mynde put alwaye all slouthe as thoughē Criste our  
spouse dide call you vnto maryage/ layenge to your-  
selfe. Rysse thou matched body out of thy couche/ ma-  
ke the redp & lyght thy lampe/ go mete with thy spou-  
se/ and do thy deuotye least thou be refused for comyn-  
ge to late. And be not longe in the apparaillynge of  
your selfe/ but applye you vnto your woorke or scruples.

enjoyed to pou for to do / with gladdnes of mynd /  
no vaine vise appere in poure armell / but bese almynd  
almyngayre fourme et an vmpfourme / vesp et gome /  
lyngre / vlyngre wch et so cride / vestmentes vntrownd /  
bwe in armure / no vlyngre delvryngre to plent / vntrownd  
by st / but to honoure god / Call also buse spes god  
to / bus he re / et grace / that ye may be stonge / agaynt  
þ malice / re / power of poure enemys / for manys bane  
ben in grece / nev / bothe in body / et soule / bycause they  
have not bles / þo themselfe / et honoured god at thei  
fyrst / vlyngre / Therefore sayc almyng vñban / vryse some  
vlyngre / et prayre / as ye may fynde in vþre / bothe

## Coffeeyngemasse.

If it may be here masse every daye. for by that  
ye be made the more able to al good workes in  
the day followinge / & proper the better in every thyng  
ye. In masse hym be diligent as moche as ye maye  
to have devocyon / conseruynge yowselfe & all that is  
gathered to you wher hym is ther present. The masse is  
the betaynment of all of Christes pallion. Then if ye  
yowill have benefyt / fall to some medytacion of Christ  
his body pallion. for there is no syngynge that by noes  
let hym in his execyon to come out of medytacion that  
is. If ye woll be perfectly pouered from syngynge / yf ye  
woll be endued with vertues / yf ye woll be iugmented  
with intelligençynges / yf ye woll have a syngynge of powre  
enemys / yf ye woll have cōfocacyon / soliture / spes / yf  
ye woll have constancie / which feres in your ymperys / yf  
ye woll deparre / & remoue / out of this lyfe / yf ye woll  
have a dede cast awayng. 30. 31. 32. 33. deuoure medytacion

event of his death and you in your male fury wage, and all  
so many other woes before ye shall pray. The malice of  
of me mislike me gret effecte. From after the savenge of  
Smythe and his complices byt me byt law is there  
one contredictioun of the same in any time former es-  
werded. (¶) And when he made his entrie, his beseynge  
the lord of the land, 28 of the lordes bairns, bairns by his  
predecessor, and his shabfifly converted into the 28th  
day of the moneth of Januarye of the same. (¶) And  
when he was entred into the land, hee made his entrie  
into the shire of Lancastre, and into the town of Lancaster  
and into the shire of Cheshire, and into the town of Chester  
and into the shire of Cheshire, and into the town of Shropshire.







but þe shall not be crooked þt þe be dock pouned as  
golde in the furners. for scripture sayth þt heþt is not  
tempered is not pouned. whiche gynþte is golde your Celi  
is þt furners. temþreþpon is þt deþþreþdeþl is þt þou  
deþþ and brother of this type. your body is the etern  
bessell. wherin this golde is put to be pouned. whiche  
bessell if it be broken by any violent type. the golde is  
shedde out & lost. & the bessell can never be reþared as  
much a hole agayne.

Caligulae can not be gotten ne kepte with-  
out grete laboure and payne.

Snape etched the occasions of evil. For Harry and Gryffindor to exact justice will be fatal, yet the others

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**S**eeþ þe be of noble behaunçe / bodes in myn de-  
cõmunicacõe gesetere. Keþe your myn deþylo-  
gynge in charnes & gane it all to oppytyous ill conseynng  
Untoþyngs no bayne thoughtes to reþe cherrin. And  
my gyldeþe nobleþe þe concappitcõoc & þaylþons of þe be-  
þy/ as' dorath / carnall loue / bodes of myn body frou-  
fenshull / loue / or deþyntre laughyng. If oþer can not  
be myn swedde out doerdeþut yf ther be myn deþy  
valde in þe arde / but yf þe ourloun beþyngs beþyngs helpe  
th moche to ouercome these in þe arde þaylþons. And  
therfore it behovert to keþe dorath þe bodes of. Wþy-  
tes þe þe shall se / here / or touche / nor byngyng / þe. Holdeþy-  
te þou to enyll / or byfame good mannes / keþe yonc  
þyng cloſt to þe arde þe ther / toþyngyng þe the eyre is  
a ther / & dorall betrap þe londe yf it be not þoncely þe þe  
þyng not your þyng upon þe autchall chynges / a here  
no bayne ne bycyonis cõmunityng / ferþyng / leſt deþe  
Dorall entre in to your doyndowes / & dedeþe your lou-  
les' worth ferþe.

## Off-fabricelle & dysaccopyramische & other behaviour

**D**ost diligencely refirme your congreſſ ſpeche  
not wout a reaſonable queſtione be made unto  
you/whilſt they do be cōfirme by your selfe/ſe  
thiſ ſtudy to ſaye amouſe by your ſelfe in theiſt ſpeche  
to ſaye conſiderance/curſor/ſome ſort of ſtyle/ſe  
the boynge alwaſt call ſpoge/ſe occaſion of ſome  
exception be of ſome diſcrepancie in ſome ſome  
conſeſſion. ſpeche no boynge but of the ſeſtione ſoſt ſeſt

met place / & persone. **S**aycste you home st mynþ þi sadnes /  
met / boþe in specche laþingage / & gesture of body / w-  
out comþing or caſtinge / & spight towarde any persone  
Subiectly wþout p̄ttinge or mouinge of þe heed or oþer  
ether meþle bresþingly / be gentyl wþout grutching  
your contenance / holding & cheþfall wþout fr̄ouninge  
holþinge / or beryþð / doþaþ pe speche langhe or smyle se  
it be wþout scouninge or loude boyce. **S**heþeþ no slugyshnes  
wþout celiþuge. **T**raþyue not of other persone's con-  
templs ne cōþdet therwyrantes. **R**efourme þi is a-  
mouſſe in other persone's wþout any reþouninge. **P**rayse  
meþþorþyselv / yourſelf / wþout gretely other persone's / speche  
wþout þinge to be reported holþ or comþinge. **S**þue place  
to þe betymes / & to þe þi multypliþ wordes agaynst  
þouȝt þouȝtne shoulþ theþi arroure of mychygenc / &  
þing þe þat heþe þe vertue of sadnesse / & dypſtetyon /  
Reþiche þi a gretelhelpe to chaſtite / & to all other her-  
tues. **A**bout þam þouȝle doþh mone þis sayenge / let  
your sadnes be knownen to all men. **A**nd soþ by good  
exemplē pe may grefþe other & meryte very moche.

**C**Hoþo refacryon ought to be take.

**A**þ a ſchermiþ recþueth his medycyne ſo take  
þi point þe oþer þe fecþð. **A**l ſchermiþ thyndes his  
medycyne þeþ biþtac / therfore he wþill take no more  
þan þeþ suffiſſe for his helthe / and þiþ be do / it maye  
be to þis herte. **S**oþþeþoþſe conþderþuge the þerþy  
þanþo chaſtite that is in mettes / and dypſtetyes / therþ  
þolde be þyter unto you / no þinge glaþe to take  
any more than þeþ be þerþne nature / ferþinge by to  
moche etþuge / dypþinge ſea to greeþ strength unto.



kyngz bathe causer moche syne & folys. As it appere-  
th of St. I. & Loth. With other st. & of the ryche Glotone  
in the gowell. Else not sensial appetyte therfore to  
his full destrye. So prouide to your dede that ye may  
douage bryngt & yet not falysse your bodesly appety-  
te. Regarde not the danyngelle of mites & dawnes  
nor nedely the sustentacion of the frayle body conty-  
nuallly decayinge. And beware y voluntuallnes cre-  
pe not in bider y cloke of mede. Some there ben y fe-  
te grete abstynence or noatchinge by cause of syenes  
or weknes of body/ferynge to be not syronne to serue  
god. And I here me many tymes it is but (circulatio  
in pectans) ffor full felde there ben y hame y feruour  
or loue to warde of to abstayne so moche. And if they  
had for y loue of god. I thynke he wold be gne theym  
distrayon. Wall/ o; otherwys shalde for the. I pray  
god it be not to moche/y many thynke to lytell. True  
distrayon is to prefere y soule before the body. Whiche  
can not be without some parys in the body.

### Catchinge at the boide.

**S**ithomselfe yow mete. Syne place to your  
bette/boordynge of sytynge & in syfier-  
kyng of your mete. The boordynge/tryfynge/me-  
lygynge at the boide/ys a grete parracion and  
backbryng. Be content with hiche aste set before  
you wout grutchynge/feide not of to many dylthes  
nor to gredely. For in many metes lanck y boord  
may can not fayle of syenesse. And as ye feide y body w  
bodesly fode/so fode the soule. Your ghastly fode as by  
redyng of some boordynge and ghastly metes wher-  
in your soules may be edgyed/gyne dylgence to the

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þe hym not amonge your good woxes by þayne wa-  
ter/for than he wyl make þem nouȝt. Somtyme he  
wyl bringe in good rhouȝtices & purþoses for an yll  
entente/for to let a better chyng/or for to inquytre þ  
cōþerence. He cometh somtyme easelv/somtyme swet  
þe/somtyme swetþe/somtyme perclþ. And þ more þe  
he fro hym þþer he allayeth you. But what reme-  
þe. Truly we haue no strength nor þolþe in regarde  
to our aduersitþ. Therefore let us not trust in ourselfe  
Our lord let hym be our strength. Our good angells  
& þolþe saynnes helpe & comforþe to vs. Let vs therfo-  
re comye ourfle to hym / & call for helpe betwix us in  
euery temþtacþon. Cleue þe of asþe to his loue whiche  
of his dyþpleþuer. Remembryng what þayne he suf-  
fered to þyngre man in to þe stace of grace. And therfo-  
re suffere not to beþ brought our rþer of for a lytel þþorþe  
þleasure or for sufferyng a lytel dyþpleþure or a þþorþe  
þayne. It pleascþ god þer ay morþe/What onþ per-  
awþþeth temþtacþon betwix us / & falleþ to þrþer &  
þraylyng of god. For than þþer þe þe devill had  
þorged for mannes grete þucte / it comned upon his  
owne hech þorþe conþuþon. And þ person that for-  
þyeth þe all hane double reþarþe / þorþe for his wþe-  
þorþe & for his owne þrþer þinþ god.

### ¶ Howe to ouercomen temþtacþon.

**I**þe beþ very fyerle abouþe you in temþtacþon of  
þyþwacþo/þyþwacþe forþer grecuous it be/dyþþay-  
re not. Chynke therþe ben.þy.þrþers houȝtis in þþer  
þer þat not be alþe unto you. Some good & some  
badde. Chynke howe our lord loketh vpon you to  
þrouȝe your stedfaulnes & manlynes/for to geue you þ

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¶ And for the study of misericordia in holie scripture ppe  
specyfically moche agaynst temptacion.

**H**erby this caudle I woldes ye sholde alwaye ferre  
traffynge withynnes upon your owne strength  
but alwaye inspecte your owne fraulice / & as a domme  
that betwix the herte & the complaynys be the ryuer  
Ther as in a glasse dothe looke in þ water þ shadolle  
of þ herte shewynge for to remoure her / & so is alwaix  
other & farrre her selfe / so I woldes ye sholde do . The  
crysing of Ihesus ben þ sentencys of holie scripture /  
the lyfe our sauour Ihesus christ / & of other holie saintes /  
toynche folowynge from þ moste cleare somwhatys  
of the bywysne whiche dothe therde a dyscouer þ sub  
tyll crachte & false suggesyon of our enemy the devill /  
þt ethat þs goð be we shall be ware of hym / for to es-  
cape this daunger. Plotynge / & wyllyng concupis-  
cencie / notynge wherþer þt wyl thoughtes alway bet-  
ter / than wyl the study of misericordia of þ wylde of  
god / & holy scripture. Unto þ wylch I woldes þ ye shol-  
de so accustome your myndes / & occupye your herte / So  
therupon / þ wyl þe go to bedde / þe wyl fall on þepe  
in þ ryuerynge of some farrre of holie scripture / þ  
sayntes how / & by cause of þt in your þepe þ as lone  
as þe shal / than þt wyl be cleare to þeir memore / &  
þt therefore when þe be troubled or makid by the crachte  
or wyllyngon of your enemy / be ware of þayn thoughtes  
þt betymes / awydyng all dulnesse of body & myn-  
de / And occupye your thoughtes in prayers.

¶ Of misericordia.

C. 111.

## Geophysics

**I**f ye have true meekness / ye shal be vnto every  
persone your brother / & your frnde as a secon sonne /

in a bumbastysye / Nobat so eche begynge be of. Dethys  
foron folle the partye obedyencys / whiche beth gyd to  
men / mā to god in partysye charyte. So aperte amys  
be sayd. If ye wyl be wyl / be obedyent. for thus is  
it shewynge thou conyest wyl to me / obedyent a do þ  
is comynded ther / god shal gye at the . And this obe-  
dycence must be obedyent (not in temprelate) but wyl to  
good affeys of loue a charyte (not louers of payne)  
but for loue of Justysye. Obedyence is þ bestre þ yaf  
feth all other vertues in þ somme. It preserueth & kepe  
th hem swiche afer they be graffed. It is better than  
sacrifysye. for by sacrifysye is gryen awaþ þ temporal  
goodes / and by obedyence is bittely leste & forlaken  
þ onneselife wyl. Of our onne wyl cometh al synne  
þ þa þe do forake our onne wyl / reþyngynge it to  
god & to our superyour / do forake all synne / for we  
may do noþyng but as they wyl / þt they wyl noo  
synne / we therfore beynge obedyent may do no synne  
Nobat is then more expedient thā to haue obedyence  
( Dethysche had ) Noe neede to ferre no paynes of hell. The  
value of obedyence is thus . It is more our duetye to  
ober god than mā / the superyour than þ inferiour /  
better to ober your onne beth than a straunger. And  
it is specially good to ober our to another / þt it lette  
not þ obedyence to þ superyour. A true obedyent is  
glad to be servable vnto anyone of his company  
& loþ to be chargeable or comberous to the. Lowyns  
ge a gentyl to all / & bethoune vnto god. The gretter þ  
personys be þt is obedyent þt gretter is the obedy-  
ence. The more easly the comandement / the þ more  
glorious is the conuict. And þt forfame you to

# Confidential terms of service

110 Den ye bair troubldit Northouners/repponcs  
Colibers/with empys/oy mafurc agaynst you  
North Iolle of goodys/oy abuertysse/and lykes  
mellie. Rememburc pomfylfe betymes/before any palli-  
on of pomfylle, or unmytynce tyllation you/oy  
lynes chalenge þer to the mifangeres of your spouse  
þeþer. Crife fende for youre weide/other for to re-  
foume your weide/oy cließ for to preue your loun-

þolþdret it in. Bedfaſt a faythful or not. And þo oncler  
ſuffice to þe ne gretly / but also gladly / þis. Saynt þonne  
þyde a manþ orþer holly man / þo men before / þe conſi-  
deret it is but folȝ a þayne to lote for heuen wþ pleau-  
re a delþes / leþne þe cryð our souverayne lord a spou-  
se ascended not to heuen but by manþ freight / wþ grete  
þayne a þasspon. And þe were no ryght nor ſemþng  
þe the ſervant Wolde ſande in better conðition the  
þis maper. Better is to take paciently / þe thynge þe  
þe can not auoyde wþt hope of a good rewarde / þa  
to grutche wþ ſuretye of grete purþhment. And by þe  
weit truely þe our aduersary can not do þou so moche  
good / by no fauour / ſcrupce or benefyce / as he doþe  
wolan he troubleth þou / þe take it paciently / wþout  
grutce or malþce agaþst hym. And þaþe god ther-  
of / as for a token of grete loue / ye Doyll aſke me wþo  
can do thiſs. I anſweſe / Every persone þis in þe ſtate  
of gracie / a Doyll apply hymſelfe thereto diligently / as  
I ſuppoſe truely Crysþe ſuffered dethe for us / leuyng  
to us enſample (not oncler hymſelfe) But also manþ  
holly ſaintes / þe by thei enſample we Wolde folowe  
thei ſteppes. Enſample we haue of ſaint Katheryn  
of Seene beynge a chylde / wolan her fader a moder /  
þe faderne að ſifterne were ſet all to do her dyspleaſure /  
a to trouble her holly mynde / from her ghostly purpoſe /  
þe orþed að diſpoſed in her detouice ymagynacyð  
to accept her fader as Crysþ / her moder as our Lady  
her biderne að ſifterne as þe aþoſtles / aþ what so euer  
was ſayd or done to her by them / she toke it as it had  
ben done of Crysþ / of his moder / or of his aþoſtles / wþ  
muche pacience / glad obediency / a louely obseruaunce

thoughe þ wylche for deserued increace of moche græ-  
ce. Our lord alþyðer is to do god to them y þu  
te þe/ þe þyndest þe þe kyngdome of heueni afferore.

### ¶ The conclusyon.

¶ Hau the day is almoost past / Inþetin þe hanc  
¶ taffed botche þe sturt / þe source / þe is to say / þe hanc  
had somatyme crybwacþen / þe somatyme ȝisold  
þen / botche ȝerlymally / & temporally. ¶ Tha courtie þu  
þe þe wylle callynge to remembraunce in diligente  
þe sturt / þe hanc sturt / þe day in every þyng þe þe  
hanc done in leste lande / þe behoued you to hanc do-  
me / & þe þe became you not to do þeyng þe day to / every þe  
lande / & beþaple all þe is cuþli. ¶ For thoughþ in þe mor-  
þyng þe purpose for to forþake all cuþli / & for to ex-  
cuse good wœches / þe often tymes wyl þe remembre  
þe wylle / þe wyl synde þe hanc done manþ cuþli  
þe / & beþe good þynges. ¶ Therefore in such þe causes  
þe þe beþe a chappre every day for yorselfe. Be  
þyngous upon your oþone defautes / & let nothing  
scape þe incorrecte / þe wyl þe god shall spase you. ¶ Et  
þe anyne botche þe reason hath ben obedient unto þe say-  
þe / & þe wylle she hath occupied her all day. Also þe wylle  
þe wyl hath been ruled by reason / & kepte þe rules of god-  
des commandementes / & wylþer she hath be so famp-  
þe / & þe sensualite. Howe þe wyl / þe herynge / þe speche  
in every cause / & membre of þe body hath been occupied  
every hour of the day / & in wylþer place. ¶ The þe magis-  
tracyon / & memorie wyl wylþer / & wylþer wylþome they hanc  
been occupied. ¶ Et wylþer the body hanc been remyssie  
& silwe in servyng / waterþynge / þe þe / & laboure. ¶ Et  
þe þe of the monþe hanc spaken onþ dayne / onþer / oþ-

bludely wordes / þolde offendre other god or man  
¶ if ye can fynde any other exesse agaynst good or  
men maners. Then holde do done your harte & body  
mehely & pray god of fayfenes / submettynge your  
selfe to his correccyon / & be glad to take it in this lyfe  
& to do wylfull penaunce. There ben. iiiij. exerccies of  
glossy helthe / whiche ben necessary for every perso-  
ne to use dayly. The fyfth is to knolle yowrselue a syn-  
ner / & to be sorw for your synnes. The ij. is to purpose  
for to beware of synne / and to foriske it for euermore.  
The iiij. is for to entendre to be confessed of all yowre  
synnes / & do penaunce for the same. Who soever befo-  
re they. Nepe dothe these. iiiij. thynges / surely thoughte  
it behapped (as god forbyd) þ he sholde dyre todaynly  
yet there is hope of grace & saluacion / thoughte he were  
in dedly synne. After ye have made thus recolla-  
cion of yowrselue / & greted yowr defautes togyder /  
bynde them in a bundell & cast them in þ syre of helle /  
þ is remembryng þ paynes ordeyned for them beyn-  
ge sorw & in full purposse never to fall agayne. And be  
more sorw for the offensse of god / than for the damage  
þ sholde folow therof to yowrselue. Then after yowre  
paynes cras / dresse yowr londre yowr bedde / with þ  
mooth honest maner / as thoughte Christe yowr spouse  
were present. And whan ye be set in yowr bedde / blesse  
yow with the spigne of the crosse / commytrynge yowre  
body and soule unto yowr spouse Crosse / and to the ke-  
pyng of yowr good swangell. Then lape yow doun  
reverently with yowr armes a crosse upon yowr brest  
Bedare them diligencely of dayne thoughtes / and  
putte alwaþe all bayne temptacions quysely.

## ГРУППЫ

CELEBRATED at Lombard's on the 20th ult.  
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diamonds.



